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Board votes León three more years

By **MICHELLE CONTY**
Coordinating Editor

The Board of Governors praised University President Julio León to the tune of \$153,480. León's contract was extended three years following an annual evaluation meeting conducted in executive session June 19. The Board reviews the progress of the University and the performance of the president. León's salary was set last year at \$145,000. Board members were unified in their praise of León. "We all applaud Dr. León for his foresight and hard work," said Dr. Charles McGinty, Board of Governors president. "As financial challenges have continued, Dr. León has helped keep the college on a sound financial footing and worked toward university status. We are very pleased with the performance of Dr. León."

ed down from a higher figure. "At my last evaluation, the Board had decided on a higher figure, but when we had the readjustment because of additional withholdings, the Board lowered that figure," León said. The original figure was \$155,600 prior to the announcement of additional budget withholdings. When the state budget cuts and withholdings caused a faculty salaries to be reduced below projected figures, León requested his salary be reduced also, McGinty said. "He certainly deserved more, as our faculty and staff do," McGinty said. The Board usually sets the



Dr. Julio León
University President

León's salary had been adjust- TURN TO **LEÓN**, PAGE 2

Business instructor retires after 35 years

By **MICHELLE CONTY**
Coordinating Editor

In the summer of 1969 *Easy Rider* opened across the country, the death toll in Vietnam exceeded that of the Korean War, Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) was embroiled in controversy over the death of Mary Jo Koepechne and Robert Miller, professor of business, began his career at Missouri Southern. Miller retired July 31 after 35 years with Missouri Southern. "Initially you were growing and maturing professionally with the college because it was a brand new baby," Miller said. "Southern actually became a state college one year before I arrived, the first senior class graduated in the spring of 1969."

"He was on the committee that hired me," said Dr. Brad Kleindl, dean of the school of business. "He will definitely be missed, he was a mentor to a lot of faculty in the school of business," Kleindl said. Marketing was his specialty, but he taught management, American Economics, statistics and various other disciplines over the years. "In the early years we were asked to do a lot of different



Robert Miller
Retired Professor of Business

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Andy Tevis/The Chart

Richard Picciotto, commander for the New York Fire Department, describes what it was like to be in the North Tower of the World Trade Center as the South Tower collapsed. A few hundred people attended the speech.

Last Man Down

New York Fire Commander speaks to capacity crowd

By **MANDI STEELE**
Managing Editor

Only at sporting events on campus do so many students, faculty and members of the community usually show up for a Missouri Southern function. One whole side of the gym in Leggett & Platt was packed with people who came to hear FDNY Battalion Commander Richard Picciotto give his account of Sept. 11, 2001. Many policemen and firemen who serve in the Joplin area also showed up to listen to Picciotto, including Bill Farr, Missouri State Fire Marshal, who introduced Picciotto. Farr said it was the "profession, duty and promise" for the firemen of 9/11 to serve during the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. "That day is one that will always be remembered by the world," he said. Upon approaching the scene unfolding before him on Sept. 11, 2001, Picciotto said he saw "too many people to count" jumping from the WTC buildings. "I looked up, and it was just horren-

"That day is one that will always be remembered by the world."

Bill Farr
Missouri Fire Marshal

dous," he said. "You had to look up, unfortunately, to make sure nobody would land on you." When the south tower of the WTC came crashing down, Picciotto said he was inside the north tower on the 35th floor. He listened as a loud rumbling sound rolled through the building and the tower shook. "It caused everyone in the building to just freeze," he said. After finding out the loud noise was the other tower falling to the ground, he knew everyone, including the firemen,

had to evacuate the north tower immediately. "How many of my friends were in that south tower?" he said was the first thought that went through his mind. He managed to get down to the sixth floor when a louder rumbling began. He said everything went black and the floor disintegrated underneath him. The north tower was falling with him still inside. "The building came down in eight seconds ... the longest and shortest eight seconds of my life," he said. He was trapped inside a stairwell with several other firefighters until they managed to work their way out. Shawn Thompson, resident of Joplin, said he went to the lecture to "get the details you didn't hear from the news media." "It was incredibly interesting, moving," said Beth Meeker, senior English major. She decided to attend because she thought it was a great chance to hear a firsthand account of Sept. 11. "This is the only opportunity I'll ever have to hear somebody who lived through such a horrific event," Meeker said.

Southern preps for new degree programs

By **MICHELLE CONTY**
Coordinating Editor

Missouri Southern has begun the process of bringing master's level courses to campus. To stay true to the legislation making Southern a university, associates degrees will be phased out in the next five years. We are looking at bringing graduate degrees to campus as soon as fall 2004, said University President Julio León. Both Southern and the cooperating university will issue the degrees.

"I have focused since July 12 on graduate degrees by visiting with cooperating universities," said Dr. Tia Strait, dean of the school of technology. The school of technology is working with two different institutions to make programs available. A master of nurse practitioner degree has been available on campus since 1994. However, the University of Missouri-Kansas City issued the degree strictly. With a cooperative effort, the degree will soon be issued by both UMKC and Southern. Southern will also be working with UMKC on a master of science in dental hygiene degree.

Strait has been discussing programs with Central Missouri State University to bring graduate programs in criminal justice, information technology, industrial management and industrial technology to campus as well. Southern can petition the Coordinating Board for Higher Education if administration believes there is a need in the community to retain an associate's program. "We are in discussion with Crowder College for cooperation, as we have been for a long time," she said. "Our relationship with Crowder is nothing new."

The school of business offers associates programs in general business and accounting. "I don't believe we will be looking at a loss of students since most students use the associates as a stepping stone," he said Dr Brad Kleindl, dean of the school of business. "Most go on to the four year program." "We have an array of things we are working on, but we are concentrating on three areas for next year," Horvath said. The school of education is developing a masters program for early childhood education, educational technology and

elementary education. "We will not be gaining any full time faculty right away," said Dr. Michael Horvath, dean of the school of Education. "We will be tapping current faculty to teach courses and hiring adjuncts to help us support the areas we take those people from." The programs will be offered online, through interactive television (ITV) and through hybrids of the two. "These methods will make the programs beneficial to those already professionals in their field who want to further their education," Strait said.

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 Mostly Cloudy High: 82 Low: 60	 Mostly Cloudy High: 76 Low: 53

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Senate drops new elections

By NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

Even on a local scale, governments have issues.

Student Senate elections were canceled Sept. 5. The elections were cancelled because not every position could be filled, said Doug Carnahan, dean of students and adviser to Senate. The freshman class had two vacancies, the sophomore class had six vacancies, the junior class had four vacancies, and the seniors had four vacancies. “We’ve never had this many vacancies,” Carnahan said. “We’ve never had a lot of students fill out petitions, but we’ve never had a time where we didn’t fill all classes.”

Because each class did not have enough candidates to fill the positions, the candidates that were on the ballot were automatically elected without a vote from the students.

“I’d like to see some competition in the Senate elections,” said Adam Griffin, co-adviser to Senate.

The Senate will fill the vacancies by petition at the Oct. 1 meeting.

“This group of officers, I’m really confident in,” Griffin said. “The Senate will be strong.”

He said the Senate members and the officers will bring many ideas to the Senate floor this year. Carnahan said he believes the vacancies are caused by lesser interest in Senate than other years.

However, both Carnahan and Griffin said they were sure the vacancies will be filled on Oct. 1. Griffin said several people have come to Student Services showing interest in filling the vacancies in Senate.

The first business meeting will not change because of the lack of senators.

The first meeting is Wednesday Sept. 24 at 5:30 p.m. in Billingsly, Room 310.

Any full-time students wishing to join Senate should go to the Senate meeting at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 1.

The Senate will decide at that meeting who will be appointed to the vacancies.

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University budget in March. Due to the uncertainty in the state budget, the board had to delay the University’s budget.

“When the governor decided after we set the budget to withhold the increase, we came up short on money and had to go back and look at expenses, most

of which are in payroll,” McGinty said.

When León requested the Board to reduce his salary, they did not want to, said Ron Mitchell, attorney for the university.

León is the longest tenured and lowest paid university president in the state, McGinty said.

MILLER:

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things, you had new commitments and new challenges,” he said.

At that time instructors taught 15 hours and a night class each semester.

With the addition of faculty and development of more specialties that load was reduced to 12 hours.

“As we matured, we became more departmentalized and as we grew physically, we became more compartmentalized,” he said.

“Years ago, I knew everyone on campus, their kids and wife. We socialized together,” Miller said. “As we have grown, I don’t know everyone across campus anymore, unless I served on a committee with them.”

Miller worked with former Southern business professor Dan Stengel developing the first computer class for the business school.

“When I started here, if you had two young ladies in class that was it, three was unheard of,” he said. “Now the campus is 51 percent female or higher.”

“I’ve had as many as 70 percent female in a class in the last seven to 10 years.”

The standard at the time was for women to seek degrees in nursing or education, if they did not become secretaries or homemakers.

As much as 15 to 20 years ago, around the time our nontraditional student population started dwindling more college age

women started attending, he said.

“Anyone who has been on campus as long as he has not only has seen a lot of change on campus, but has impacted faculty and hundreds if not thousands of students over the years,” Kleindl said.

“One of the fun aspects (about this career) has been the students,” Miller said. “I was in a golf tournament in May with 17 of my former students or advisees.”

Miller was the director of the management development institute for 11 years.

“John Tiede was dean of the business school when he and I developed the institute from scratch,” Miller said.

The institute offered courses on-site and on-campus for non-credit as well as consulting work where a prospect would work with a faculty member on a project. When the business school moved into the mansion in 1969, Miller helped then Dean Keith Larimore move furniture.

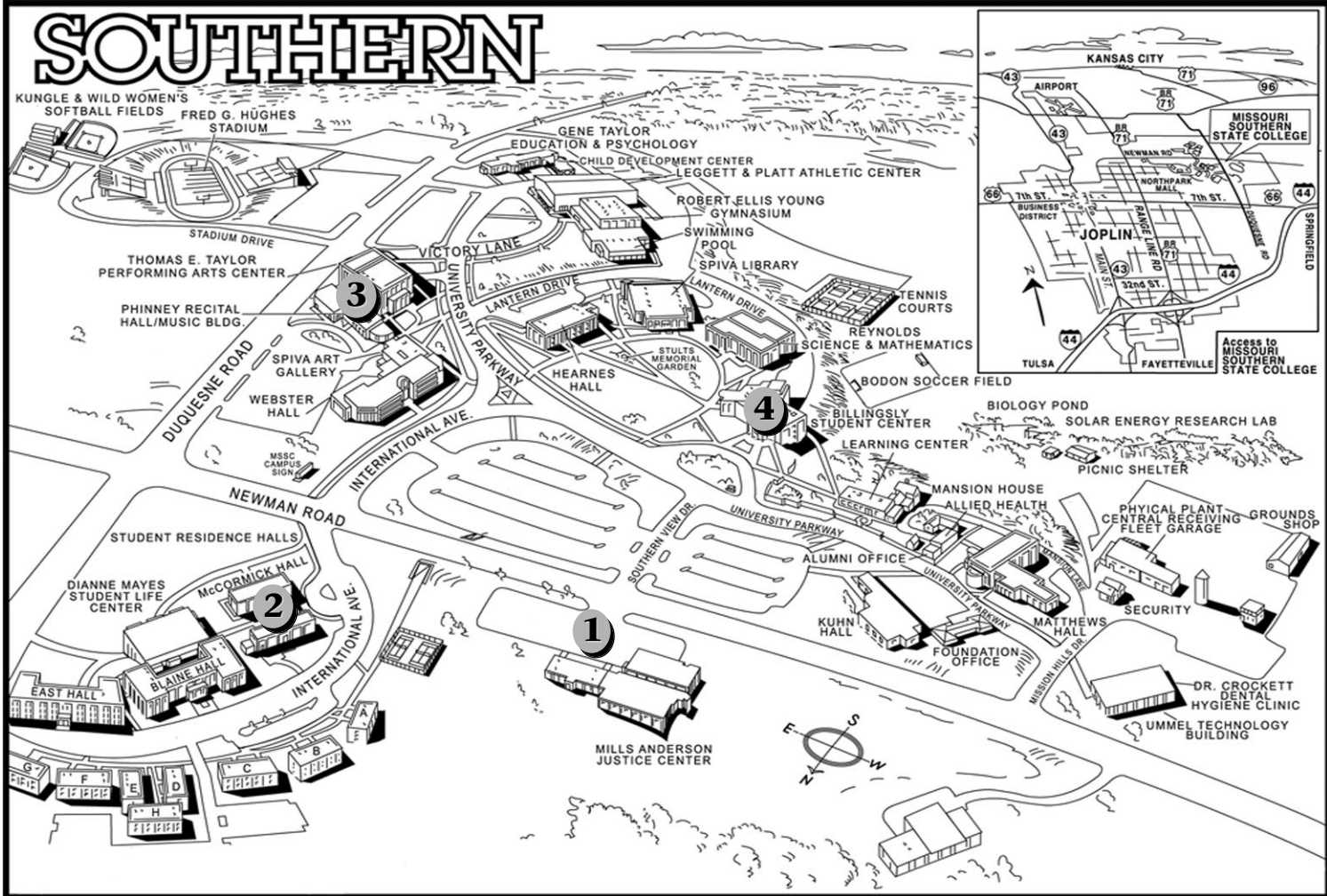
“I was León’s Dean when he got tenure,” Miller said.

“He and I are good friends, I will certainly miss seeing him around campus,” said University President Julio León.

“Missouri Southern has been very good to me, and I have been very good to Missouri Southern,” Miller said.

Miller plans to travel, spend time with his granddaughter Chloe, work on his landscaping and golf.

“I am doing projects at home that have been on the to do list for some time,” he said.



Man makes building personal restroom

1	Damaged Property	2	Suspicious Persons	3	Theft	4	Injured Person
09/08/03		9/06/03		09/06/03		09/05/03	
4 p.m.		1:45 a.m.		10:05 p.m.		10:50 p.m.	
Security received a call that a vehicle had backed into another parked vehicle. Both vehicles were unoccupied. The vehicle that rolled into the other had a manual transmission.		A security officer approached an unknown individual who was urinating on McCormick Hall. When asked to stop the individual walked around the corner. When stopped by the officer the individual called his friend to pick him up. A short time later his friend arrived and both individuals left campus. The officer was unable to identify the individuals.		Security was contacted in reference to two Stanley Bostick power nail guns, priced at \$349 each, taken from the Black Box Theatre. Security contacted the Joplin Police Department. There are no suspects at this time.		Security was called to Billingsly Student Center in reference to an injured student. Upon arrival the student was sitting in a chair by the book store. The student thought she pulled a muscle in her right leg from walking from the parking lot. The security officer helped the student into the security truck and drove the student to Kuhn Hall where the nurse administered aid.	

Campus Calendar

Daylong program promotes healthy living for ‘everyone’

The kinesiology department and recreation wellness program will be sponsoring “Active Living and the Art of Motivivating People to Move.”

The program will be held all day and be composed 5 different events.

The first event will be held from 8-9 a.m. in the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center. It is called “Motivation to Move — Walking to Lose Weight and Reduce Heart Disease Risk.” All faculty, staff and students are invited to attend.

At 9:15-11:30 a.m., a “Using pedometers with your students/clients” event will be held in the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center. All faculty and majors in the department of kinesiology may attend.

The next event will be a “Motivation to Move — Fitting 6,000 footsteps into a frantic day.”

Faculty and staff are invited for the Brown Bag Lunch event at noon in Billingsly Student Center.

At 1:30 p.m., “The Missouri Southern Stride with Robert Sweetgall” will be held. The event is an all-campus, 1.5 mile walk. The walk starts at the BSC.

The last event will start at 7 p.m. and is another “Motivation to Move” event. Everyone is invited to attend in Webster Hall Auditorium.

Author and poet comes to Southern for Cuba Semester

Dr. Vigil Suarez, author of three poetry collections and four novels, will be speaking at Missouri Southern about the nature of Cuban immigration to the United States since 1959.

The event is called “Balsero Dreams: Riff Blues on Immigration.” It will be held at 9 a.m. Friday in Webster Hall Auditorium.

The seminar is free to the public.

Theatre season opens with an off-Broadway production

Getting Out, a play by Marsha Norman, will be opening at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 16 in the Bud Walton Theatre. The play is the first one of the season for Missouri Southern’s theatre department. Directed by Dr. Jay Fields, the production is about a young woman who is trying to find her way in life after being released from prison. The play will run through Sept. 20.

Tickets are available in the box office, which carries hours on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Persons may call 625-3190 for information.

University program looking for local high school tutors

The Upward Bound Program is currently

looking for tutors for high school students. Students can tutor in English, math, science, social studies and foreign language.

The opportunity is open to all majors. Anyone interested needs to be a current Missouri Southern student and be willing to travel to area schools.

Pay is \$6 per hour.

Persons interested may call Kimberly Smith, academic services coordinator, at 625-9886.

Support group hopes to help depressed, troubled students

A support group has been started to help students or friends of students with depression or mood problems.

The group is sponsored by Missouri Southern Student Support Services and Life Support Ministries of Joplin.

Meetings will be held from 2-3 p.m. on Fridays in the Spiva Library second floor study, Room 214.

Persons may also interact on the discussion board at the Web site www.lifesupport-ministries.org. For information, persons may contact Aimee Golden at 625-3157 or Greg Salzer at salzer-g-045@mail.mssu.edu.

Anyone interested in having their event posted here may contact The Chart at 625-9311 or chart@mssu.edu.

Missouri Southern State University Catholic Campus Organization

We invite you to join us for Mass on campus as well as shared meals and other activities.

Mass will be in Room 311 of Billingsly Student Center on Thursdays from 12:20 p.m. to 12:55 p.m.

If you are interested in participating, just come to our weekly Mass or contact Dr. Jackson, our faculty sponsor.

For further information via e-mail (Jackson-J@mssu.edu)

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Memorial service remembers 9/11

By **MANDI STEELE**
Managing Editor

A time of tears and remembrance was held at the oval on the morning of Sept. 11, two years after the World Trade Center was attacked by terror-

“This is our time to remember, our time to reflect.”

Kelly Wilson
Director of the Student Support Center

ists. About 80 people, Southern staff, students and faculty, met at the oval to share a moment of silence for when the first airplane hit the south tower at

7:45 a.m on Sept 11. Kelly Wilson, director of the Student Support Center, gave a speech before the moment of silence. “This is our time to remember,” she said, “our time to reflect.” Flags were handed out to students as they approached the flag, and were waved during the song, “I’m proud to be an American.” After the speech, students could choose to put down one of 900 carnations that were provided so they could be laid beside the flagpole. Amy Packer, freshman nursing major, decided to put a carnation down. She said she did it to remember all the people who are still fighting over in Iraq. She thought the ceremony at the flag was a good memorial to have. “It was very nice,” she said. Montana Fiddymment, freshman nursing major, walked away from the ceremony with tears. “It was touching,” Fiddymment said. “I didn’t want to come because I didn’t want to get upset, but I did.”



Students and faculty gather around the flagpole for a moment of silence and remembrance on Sept. 11.

Wilson said the events on Sept. 11, 2001, meant a lot to her, being a “military brat” and having a grandfather who worked in the Pentagon. “When I saw that plane hit the

Pentagon,” she said, “I was just devastated.” Wilson said it showed the vulnerability of the United States, “but, it doesn’t take away what we stand for.”

A candlelight vigil was held later that day at 8 p.m. Anyone who wanted to could light a candle to put under the flagpole for victims lost in the attack.

Does Alcohol Mix On Campus?

Southern turns into a university; alcohol debate rises again

By **JERRY MANTER**
Editor-in-Chief

It’s always a big question on campus. Should students of legal age be allowed to drink alcohol on campus? Are students mature enough to handle alcohol responsibly? The answer has always been a stiff no. And as Missouri Southern adds university to its name, the question has arisen again. Wet or dry? “It’s a good question,” said Ross Gipson, senior English major. “There are pros and cons on both sides.” Gipson said he is in support of a wet campus but understands there could be problems with the policy change. “It would allow students to be adults,” Gipson said. “But there’s also a high risk of misuse.” The best solution, Gipson said, would for the University to allow alcohol on campus but find appropriate rules to enforce. “It should be wet, but the school needs to make the appropriate policies,” he said. Doug Carnahan, dean of students, has seen the effects alcohol has on students and believes Southern is not even close to having a rule change. “The trend is to go away from alcohol,” Carnahan said. “The problems are just enormous if you allow it.” Carnahan said he does not see Southern changing its stance on the topic. “Just because we changed to a university doesn’t mean we are going to change our alcohol policy,” Carnahan said. “I personally hope not.” At the University of Missouri, alcohol is forbidden on the University’s property unless it involves special events with the school president and/or chancellor. Southwest Missouri State University is a dry campus as well. Pittsburg State University does allow alcohol, however, the beverage must be 3.2 percent or lower to be appropriate and meet PSU standards.

“If we allowed drinking on campus, it would compound problems,” Carnahan said. Southern, on occasion, holds administrative events which serve alcoholic beverages. To do that, however, University President Julio León must be present. “I think the college would make a major step backward if we had a more liberal policy on alcohol on campus,” Carnahan said. “I don’t see any advantages.” Mandy Hendricks, senior general studies major, said since many students in the residence halls already drink, the University should look into the change. “People are going to drink anyway,” Hendricks said. “The school should just go ahead and let them.” As far as the possibility of the campus selling alcohol, Hendricks said she would not support that idea. “I don’t think selling alcohol on campus is a good idea,” she said. Hendricks said she would support the campus if it were ever to become wet. “Students who are of legal age should be able to drink,” she said. Carnahan said the Board of Governors would make the final decision for Southern to become wet. Carnahan said the University is always up for discussing that matter. Whether or not the policy will change is a different story. “It would take one heck of an argument for me to see this happening,” he said.

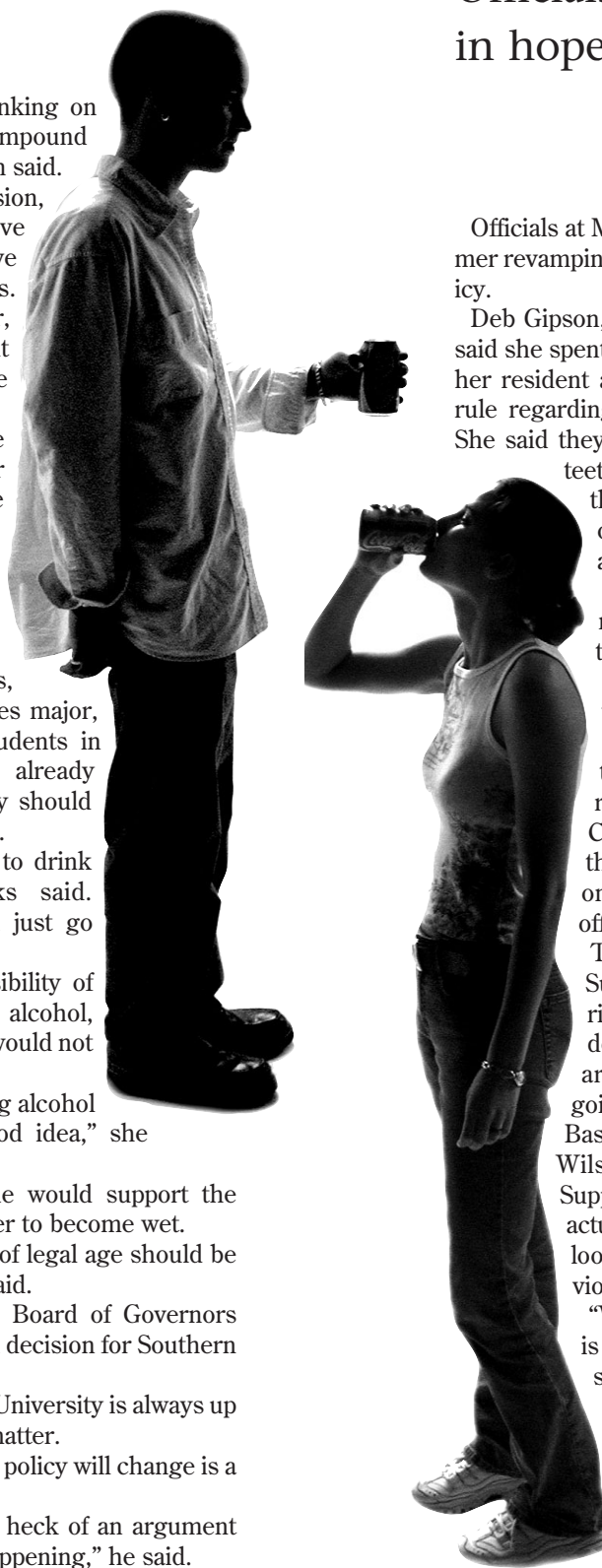


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Officials change residence hall liquor policy, penalty in hopes of deterring on-campus, underage drinking

By **JOSH RAY**
Executive Editor

Officials at Missouri Southern spent the summer revamping the residence hall’s alcohol policy. Deb Gipson, coordinator of student housing, said she spent six to eight weeks working with her resident advisers to come up with a new rule regarding alcohol violations on campus. She said they wanted to “give it a little more teeth.” In help with coming up with the new rules, the group looked at other schools’ policies, sanctions and consequences for violations. “We tried to bring things a little more in line with where our counterparts are sitting,” Gipson said. In the past, students were given three chances, depending on the circumstances. On the first violation, they were written up and received a letter from Doug Carnahan, dean of students. On the second offense, they were put on probation, and on the third offense they were suspended. The new policy brings the Student Support Center and campus security into the process. On a student’s first alcohol offense, they are given the choice between going to the Student Support Center Basics Evaluation or a \$25 fine. Kelly Wilson, director of the Student Support Center, said the evaluation is actually two sessions designed to look into the student’s reason for violating the policy. “We’re looking to see if a student is struggling with alcohol issues,” she said. The center wants to determine if the student has an alcohol problem, or is just “experimenting” with it. Wilson is happy with being included in the process.

“This is the first time we’re on the entry level,” she said. “We’re excited to be on the front end.” On a student’s second offense, they have the choice between attending a program with Ken Kennedy, manager of safety and security, and a \$25 fine, or paying a \$50 fine. Kennedy’s program is a one-hour session that includes a PowerPoint presentation and film on alcohol and its effects on the body. Kennedy said he was also pleased with the new policy. “I think it’s a very positive thing that we’re doing, to try to safeguard the health of the students,” he said. Kennedy also said a more strict approach is being taken with minors. Now, on the first offense, minors get their parents notified. He said Southern, as well as numerous other colleges, are trying to reduce underage drinking. He thinks the number of violations will go up, not because more people will be doing it, but because the SA’s are enforcing the rule more. “We’re being more aggressive in the enforcement,” he said. Kennedy also said more programs would be implemented throughout the school year to combat the alcohol problem. On the third offense, the student will be put on probation and receive a \$100 fine. Depending on the severity of the situation, they may also be suspended from school. If the student is put on probation, they will be suspended on the fourth violation. Carnahan said there is a “very small percentage of repeaters.” “Most students get the message after the first initial warning,” he said. Gipson said last year they had a total of 72 first time alcohol violations. Only 18 of those repeated the offense. Four came back for a third offense, and only one committed a fourth offense. Adam Griffin said three-fourths of the total violations issued on campus are alcohol related. He believes the new policy will work. “I think it’ll be more effective,” he said. So far, there have only been two violations of the policy.

Enrollment figures decrease, space in residence halls increases

By **MANDI STEELE**
Managing Editor

As enrollment declines, several rooms sit empty in the on-campus apartments. Although the official enrollment figures won’t be in until Sept. 22, Dr. Delores Honey, assistant vice president for assessment and institutional research, said the preliminary enrollment numbers show that enrollment has dropped. Missouri Southern had 5,823 students in fall 2002 and 5,188 in spring 2003. Honey said she estimates enrollment has dropped by 100-200 from fall 2002. “We don’t have record enrollment,” she said. “We don’t have

a lot of numbers going up.” She thinks decreased enrollment could be because of the “weaker” economy or because students are having problems receiving financial aid. At full capacity, the residence halls can hold 705 students. So far, there are around 470 students staying on campus. “We’re just a direct reflection of enrollment,” said Deb Gipson, director of housing. “Enrollment’s down and we’re down, too.” In fall 2001, there were approximately 560 students living on campus; that dropped to about 460 in fall 2002. Although preliminary numbers show a slight increase to 470 on-campus students, Gipson said she’d be happier with 600-625 stu-

dents in the residence halls. “Last year was the first year in a long time that we had not filled (to capacity) at the beginning of the year,” she said. In fall 2001, capacity was at a maximum because East Hall did not open until January 2002, creating an extra 202 rooms. With no shortage of rooms, apartments Stone and Mitchell were taken out of circulation this semester because both buildings need repairs. Carolyn Staat, senior middle school education major, said she thinks the reason there seems to be fewer people living on campus is the price. She said she hears people talk about how it is cheaper to live off campus. “I don’t see why prices went

up for the residence halls,” Staat said. “If that’s what I have to pay, I guess that’s what I have to pay. I don’t get much choice in it.” Staat is from St. Louis, so she said it’s easier for her just to live on campus, but she’s thinking about moving off campus after the spring semester. “I can’t afford for them (the prices) to keep going up,” she said. In fall 2001, it cost \$1,900 per semester (including all meals) for a room at Blaine, McCormick or an apartment. This semester, a room at Blaine or McCormick (including a 20-meal plan) cost \$2,240, or \$2,440 for an apartment room. Gipson said she’s spoken with housing directors from around

the state, and it isn’t just Southern that is experiencing a decrease in enrollment and housing. “It’s a nationwide phenomenon,” she said. However, she doesn’t expect numbers to continue to decline. “We really just think it’s a temporary thing,” Gipson said.

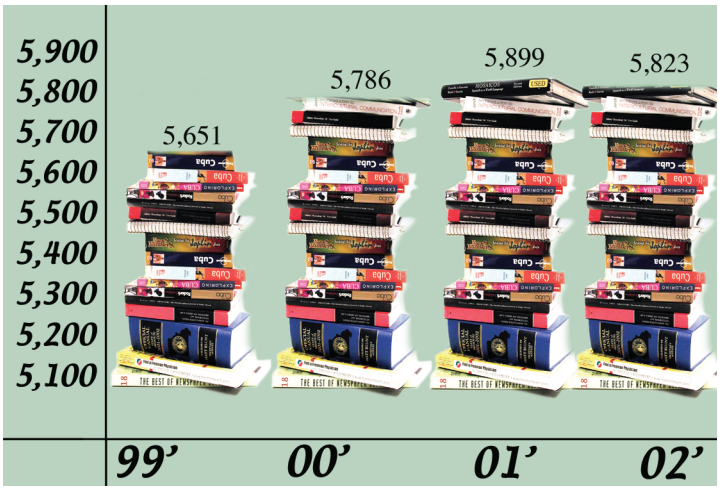


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Enrollment rose through 2001, and then began falling in 2002.

Editor's Column

Look at the country around you and think

Have you ever actually looked at the country around you and asked one simple question — why? I did just that this summer. Upon looking at this “beautiful” nation of ours, I had to ask myself the one question every true American should be asking on a regular basis — why?



Josh Ray
Executive Editor

Why is it that people get so upset when a group commits a terrorist act against us, yet people are supportive of a president who does the same thing? 9/11 was a terrible day. Innocent people lost their lives. But it was OK for the United States to do the same thing to Iraq? Do people want Americans to be looked at as terrorists? Because that is what this country is headed toward. Why is it that while our country is in an economic crisis, our president is going before Congress asking for another \$87 billion for his massacres? For the seventh month in a row, jobs have been lost. Yes, Bush is finally trying to get the economy back on its feet, but it seems like a moot point now. The budget will be in the red for the next 10 years anyway. And yes, the current wars are nothing but massacres. Why is it that people will fight,

and possibly die, for their freedoms, only to be quick to take them away from someone who doesn't agree with their opinions? In my opinion, those who speak out against the norm are more patriotic than those who sit back and just let things happen. They're the ones actually using their freedoms to the full extent. But if it's traitorous to speak out against our president and a wrong war in times of trouble, then I'm proud to be a traitor. Why do people let these injustices happen? Almost every American will stand up and proclaim how much they love their country and how proud they are to live in it, yet there is nothing to be proud of right now. We have a blood-thirsty leader who doesn't have a single qualm about using America's resources for his personal vendettas. Our military has basically become nothing better than a bunch of terrorists, invading other countries where we have no right to be, and more money is being given to these wars, as people continuously lose jobs and starve on the streets. So what are you going to do about it? If it means nothing to you, go back to your happy little life and act as if everything is cool. But if you care at all about your country and where it is going, it's time to stand up and change it — before it's too late.

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Consider discussing alcohol

Although there's not a great deal of debate on campus about whether or not Missouri Southern should be a wet or dry campus, there needs to be discussion. As long as this institution is considered a university, students need the opportunity to voice their opinions and begin discussing whether or not alcohol should be allowed on campus. Most likely, the great debate would come to the residence halls. The Chart, at this point in time, is not taking sides to a wet or dry campus. We do, however, feel the need for discussion. Students who

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are of legal age have the right to consume alcohol in the privacy of their own rooms. Others, obviously, believe the no-alcohol policy should stand as is. Bringing university status to Southern is indeed more than just a change in name. The University will be gaining more programs and more students. If it wants to continue to grow and prosper, the University should at least investigate this issue. What do students want? Shouldn't University officials

at least talk with students and see where they stand? An internal investigation should take place. If alcohol would be allowed in the residence halls, how would that work? Would extra security need to be enforced? Southern officials need to consider every possible angle to this debate. Students of age have the right to drink. Students who aren't of age or choose not to drink have the right to be in an alcohol-free environment as well. Regardless, we're a university now, and we must look into the big question. It's only fair.

Campus Voice

By NANCY HIGHT-MORRIS

Should Southern become a wet campus?



“N o. I don't think it's a good idea. It's just asking for trouble.”

Beth Meeker
Senior
English
Major



“Y es, because it would make us more competitive with policies at other colleges and universities. We are grown-ups and should be treated as such.”

Andy Simpson
Senior
International Studies
Major



“I think people do it anyway so it doesn't really matter if the laws change or not toward this matter.”

Mandy Stark
Freshman
Early Childhood
Education Major



“O ur main goals of education would shift in the direction of partying and people would associate this school with alcohol and not education.”

Sylvia Rush
Senior
Elementary Education
Major



“N o. We would be known as a party school and not for education, and crime stats would rise.”

Lianne Stites
Senior
Elementary Education
Major

In Perspective

Faculty, staff ‘delight in sharing’ experiences with all students

School has begun again with all the conflicting demands on students' time, resources and energy. The first few days of any new semester frequently form a “honeymoon” period of excitement and anticipation concerning the opportunities of the term and classes.



Waudenna Agee
Acquisitions Clerk
Spiva Library

By now, though, the honeymoon is probably over, the adrenaline rush has ended, and reality has set in — the semester will require a lot of work, the teachers may seem unreasonable, and the guy that sits next to you in class really annoys you. Welcome to the real Missouri Southern.

College life, just like the “real world” has good days and bad. Many new students find the first few weeks so frightening they drop out of school. Returning students sometimes wonder why they returned. The work required in classes may seem overwhelming; learning to deal with new students and teachers is difficult, and it is easy to lose track of why you are in school in the first place. Depression can be a big problem for college students, along with loneliness and homesickness. Before allowing yourself to become too depressed, you might want to consider a few things. First, why are you in college? This may be a good time to reaffirm to yourself what you are working for. Do you want to teach? Become a police officer? Mathematician? Communicator? Even if you have not decided on a final

degree, do you just feel the need to increase your knowledge? Remind yourself why you came to Southern in the first place, and keep your goal in mind. Recognize that one of the beauties of the academic world is that it breaks into small, short semesters, and completing one does not obligate you for another. Make a commitment to finish this semester. By Christmas you will be home again with a sense of satisfaction that you have successfully finished a difficult task. Look around at your classmates and be sure of one thing — the new students are having to make the same adjustments you are; the returning students have had to do so in the past and are still having to adjust at the beginning of each new term. Realize that life is full of adjustments — if you are not adjusting you are not

growing. Change is vital for experiencing all life has to offer. One thing many new students may not be aware of is just how great the faculty and staff are at Southern. These men and women are professionals in their fields and delight in sharing what they have learned but offer so much more to the students. Take the opportunity to get to know these people on a personal level. You will find them compassionate, understanding and wise. Many tales can be told by students who have received a word of advice, counsel or friendship from these wonderful people, and many (myself included) look back at these relationships as some of the best of college memories. If you need a friend, do not forget to look to these people — they are one of the greatest assets of our campus.

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Art students take on Sweden

By **ANJULIE BOBO**
Staff Writer

There are many opportunities for students to study abroad and experience the world at Missouri Southern. This summer, eight students and one instructor took one of those opportunities.

They went to study art for more than a month during a trek across northern Europe, leaving on May 29 and returning on July 10.

"I had a lot of fun and it was exciting," said Sandra Lancaster, junior graphics major. "I would suggest that all students go abroad; it is a great learning experience."

Students documented this trip by taking 4,000 digital photographs and between 24-48 hours of digital film.

"Each student participant generated a portfolio of black and white images while studying basic principles of photographic composition," said Robert Kudja, assistant professor of art, who accompanied the students on their trip.

The group began its journey in Paris and ended up in Stockholm, Sweden, where their multicultural experiences drew to a close.

"This tour provided extraordinary occasions for group members to experience the world's great art exemplars and discover new aspects about art and European cultures," Kudja said.

During their first stop in Paris,

students enjoyed visiting such famous sites as the Arc de Triumph, Chateau de Versailles, Moulin Rouge and the Louvre.

"Everywhere we stopped was really fun, but Paris was the most interesting, mostly because of the monuments and museums," Lancaster said.

After the students' stay in France, they traveled to Mallsjö, Sweden.

In Sweden, students visited the 800-year-old Castle of Kalmar. While there they witnessed a Renaissance festival that included activities such as cooking, games and jousting, that recreated the environment of the day and allowed the students an insight into how the artists of the time lived and worked.

After Sweden was Oslo, Norway, where students experienced unique Norwegian design and architecture.

"A perceived quality of design provided a sense of Oslo's lifestyle, culture, values and beliefs," he said.

The students' second-to last-stop was in Copenhagen, Denmark, where students visited museums such as Copenhagen City Museum, Danish Design Center and the Botanical Museum and Library. The last stop in Stockholm, Sweden provided students with yet another side of the many cultures they experienced on their journey.

"Overall, I believe the Swedish



Special to The Chart

Missouri Southern students take a break from studying abroad in Mallsjö, Sweden. Eight students made the trip during the summer.

summer tour provided a multitude of opportunities to discover many aspects of photography, printmaking, design and art that contributes to a deeper multicultural understanding and appreci-

ation of the visual arts and the world," Kudja said. "The Scandinavian, Swedish summer tour is an extraordinary aesthetic, artistic, learning and teaching experience."

The Cuba Semester

**Cuban Citizenship Education:
Democracy,
Politization and Socialization**

9 a.m. Sept. 19
Taylor Hall Room 113

**Vocational Training in Cuba: A Visit
to the Pioneer Interest Circles**

10 a.m. Sept. 19
Taylor Hall, Room 113

**Cuba's 'School to the Countryside'
Program: Cultivating
a Proper Consciousness**

Toward Work
11 a.m. Sept. 19
Taylor Hall, Room 113

**The Gockel International
Symposium:**

Cuba After Castro?
Sept. 25

Dr. Alberto R. Coll
9:30 a.m. Taylor Hall Auditorium
Dr. Coll and
Dr. Johnathon Benjamin-Alvarado
7 p.m. Webster Hall Auditorium

Upcoming speech focuses on aspects of Cuban education

By **ALICE HOSSAIN**
Staff Writer

Unlike many developing countries, Cuba's education is completely free. A continuing slogan of the Cuban Revolution is "our weapons are our ideas."

Dr. Denise Blum, assistant professor in the department of curriculum and instruction at California State University at Fresno, has investigated Cuba's education system.

"I think by looking at another country's education system, especially in a country which is based on a

different political agenda and ideological perspective, our own U.S. system is called into question," Blum said.

Dr. Gwen Murdock, psychology department head and member of the Cuba Semester planning committee, invited Blum to Missouri Southern.

"When I read about her dissertation, it sounded like it was very interesting," Murdock said. "She did a qualitative study that involved visiting schools for about six months. It was kind of unusual that people in Cuba gave her sort of a puzzled reception, because they were used to people coming in and administering a survey, instead of actually doing interviews and

observations. The Cubans were not sure whether or not she was a spy."

Blum carefully chose the topics of her three presentations.

"These topics are unique and important to proper value formation in Cuba society, which is the explicit goal of Cuban education," she said.

Her first speech is called "Cuban Citizenship Education: Democracy, Politization and Socialization." The presentation focuses on Cuban education since the fall of the Soviet Bloc, especially in more recent years with the reintegration of the school subject Civic Education.

The second speech will be "Vocational Training in Cuba: A Visit to the Pioneer Interest Circles." Blum examines the activities of the Cuban mass student organization, The Pioneers, which actively structures Cuban school life politically, academically and socially, providing opportunities for participating in model citizenry.

The third speech will be "Cuba's School to the Countryside Program: Cultivating a Proper Consciousness Toward Work." Blum will give an analysis of one of Cuba's education system's most notable citizenship-building work-study program policies. Her speeches take place Sept. 19 in Taylor Hall.

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Week offers safe activities for students

By **RUSS ROPER**
Staff Writer

Need a break from studying and classes? The coming week will give students the opportunity to relax and unwind again during “Natural High Week.”

The activities are structured to be both enjoyable and educational. Friday through Thursday, campus organizations will put on various events for students to attend.

Kicking off the list of events on Friday, are seminars sponsored by the kinesiology department’s recreation and wellness program. The scheduled speaker, Robert Sweetgall, promotes walking to benefit health.

Sweetgall has walked across the United States seven times after leaving his job because it was affecting his health. Sweetgall then began his mission of advocating walking to improve overall health.

He is credited with writing 17 books on the subject and has assisted numerous schools and organizations in the development of programs related to health and walking.

There will be several functions involving Sweetgall. “Motivation to Move” will be held at 8 a.m. in the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center, with other programs throughout the day and evening.

While some of Sweetgall’s seminars are only open to faculty and majors in the kinesiology department, others will be open to everyone.

Monday will give students in the medical and health-related fields the opportunity to attend a “Lunch and Learn” with Dr. Ted Lambrinides. This event will discuss issues related to nutritional supplements. The event is scheduled to take place at noon in the Billingsly Student Center Room 310. There will be another seminar by Limbrinides at 3 p.m. in Webster Hall Auditorium for athletes.

The Campus Activities Board will provide activities for Tuesday.

Some of the scheduled events include a trampoline and a “Bubble Run.” Several educational seminars will also be held throughout the week relating to alcohol and sexually transmitted diseases.

Events scheduled for the remainder of the week include an obstacle course while wearing “Beer Glasses,” which simulate motorskills at different levels of intoxication, on Wednesday. Thursday evening will feature “Karaoke Night” in the Lion’s Den. It will include contests, prizes, and refreshments.

All of these activities are meant to help the students find safe ways to spend their free time.

“The number one goal is students having fun, and that they can have fun without drinking,” said Julie Blackford, director of student activities.

CAB, along with other campus organizations, is working on future plans for student events. It continues to try and include events that will attract more participation.

Blackford thinks the problem with evening events is that many students cannot come back to campus after classes.

Blackford insists that, despite the problems, CAB is not going to do away with evening events totally.

“We are going to try to mix it up a bit so more students can attend,” Blackford said. “We don’t want students to think we’re preachy, we just want them to be safe and have fun. And if anyone has ideas for activities, they can contact the Student Activities Office. We’d be happy to hear them.”



Russ Hagerman/The Chart

Amanda Winters, senior special education major, drinks Starbucks coffee at the University Java coffeehouse.

Starbucks coffee offers enjoyment in a cup

By **JOSH RAY**
Executive Editor

Starbucks has come to Missouri Southern’s campus — kind of.

Sodexho, the company that runs the University Java coffeehouse in Spiva Library, made the switch this year from the Ronoco coffee supplier in a program called, “We Proudly Brew Starbucks Coffee.”

Alicia Shetron, retail manager for the coffee shop, said the change was made mainly because the closest Starbucks coffee shop to Joplin is located in the Springfield Barnes & Noble bookstore. She said the change will bring something new to the University, as well as the community.

“We thought it would be good for the whole community,” she said.

While the coffee shop serves Starbucks coffee, Shetron said it is not “actually a full-blown Starbucks.” Under the contract with the coffee company, University Java is not allowed to sell frozen drinks like Frappuccinos. Drinks with ice in

them will be sold in the coffee house.

Shetron said some items were not available because the coffee shop’s waiting for its shipments. The shop will also be selling freshly made sandwiches, salads, chips, candies and a variety of pastries. This is different from last year, since lunch items were not sold.

Tonyna Pratt works as a bistro in the coffee shop. She said the reaction from the students has been positive.

“They are loving us,” Pratt said.

Pratt said the shop averages between 100-150 customers per day. She said instructors even bring their classes to the shop.

She attributes the reactions to the prices of the products being “significantly cheaper.” Students also have the option of designing their own specialty drinks. The coffee shop has eight to 10 different syrup flavors and different types of milks to choose from.

Markus Anderson, senior marketing major, is an international student from Sweden. He said he originally came to the coffee shop because he heard it was Starbucks coffee. He said that while

the coffee is not as strong as he is used to, he likes it.

“I can get good coffee around campus,” Anderson said. “They’ve got a good selection.”

He also likes the hours of the coffee shop and the “reasonable” prices. He said his favorite drink at the shop is white mocha coffee, but he has yet to try anything else.

“I’m just sticking with coffee so far,” he said.

Pratt said “the hot choice” drink is the specially made raspberry truffle. Shetron said in the near future the shop will start merchandising coffee cups, mugs and whole beans. She also hopes to see people from the community come in.

“We’re trying to broaden the customer base,” she said.

The shop is open from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. It is closed on Saturday and Sunday, but will be open on Homecoming.

The shop is open 30 minutes later during the week to pull in students with night classes. Shetron said Starbucks will be a “permanent fixture” at Southern.



Patti Richardson/THE CHART

Shelby Bates performs at Stones Throw Theater.

Alumna finds happiness at local theater

By **LONDON FRY**
Staff Writer

Life is a stage, but the stage came later in life for Missouri Southern alumna Shelby Bates.

Time was never set aside for acting during school, according to Bates, who attended Southern from 1995-2000. After graduating, Bates began acting at Stones Throw Theater, a community theater in Carthage. Now Bates sets aside plenty of time for the theater.

“Once I start a show any spare minute I have I am reading my script or memorizing a scene,” she said. “I even record the whole play on tape and listen to it in the car. I eat, sleep, and breathe the play until it’s over.”

Corie Bratter is the character Bates is currently portraying in a dinner theater performance of Neil Simon’s “Barefoot in the Park.”

The show began Sept. 5 and will be performed at 7:30 pm Friday and Saturday.

There is also a 2 pm performance on Sunday. Tickets for all showings are \$18 for adults and \$17 for seniors and youth with dinner beginning an hour before show time.

Reservations can be made by calling 417-358-9665.

Bates’s character Bratter is the crazy wife of a newlywed couple who craves constant excitement, according to Bates. Bratter’s husband, played by Eric Conrardy, is calm and starts to get worn out.

“My character is so similar to me,” Bates said. “She wants to have fun, whatever she is doing, but she never gives any others a rest.”

The play has a wide appeal, Bates said, who loves the play.

“Anyone who has been married can relate to it,” she said. “It is fast moving so you have to pay attention, but the punch lines will catch you off guard and crack you up.”

Though Bates enjoys this role, her favorite was in “Sylvia,” one of the five plays she has performed in Carthage.

“It was very challenging because I played the dog, but I acted like a person,” Bates said. “I nearly ruined my master’s marriage because he was so crazy over me, and I was so demanding. I almost didn’t take the role because I didn’t think I could do it.”

Bates partially attributes her success as the dog in “Sylvia” to her two directors, Dr. William Roehling and Betsy Fleischaker, who she says have taught her much.

“Shelby has been new to our theater group, only having been in it the last few years,” Roehling said. “It is evident, however, that she is maturing into a very fine actress.”

Acting is something Bates enjoys, but she thinks the best part of her involvement in theater is the friends she’s made. She often does things outside of the theater with her cast and crewmates.

“We’re quite the karaokeers,” she laughed. Ever since Bates made the time to try out she has found a new addition to her life.

“I plan on doing this forever,” she said. “I enjoy it so much. I could never give it up.”



Students enjoy the new selection of Starbucks coffee at the University Java Coffee House. Read the story for information.

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De-Loused

In Review



MELISSA DUNSON
Diversions Editor



practicing and died.

Rodriguez and Zavala were so moved by his tragically poetic life and death that they devoted an entire album to him. All of the songs are based on a story written by Zavala and starring a character named Cerpin Taxt. The eight tracks allow the listener to experience 60 minutes of a fantastic voyage into the various levels of Taxt's troubled subconscious during his coma and witness the cosmic battle between good and evil for his soul.

The album is unlike anything I have ever heard before. Imagine taking Led Zeppelin, Santana, Stevie Rae Vaughn and Jimi Hendrix and fusing them with trance-techno and

the hard progressive post-punk of European bands and you have just scratched the surface of The Mars Volta experience.

The Latin beat created by a frenzy of bongos is intoxicating, while the guitars and vocals are driving and lead you from genre to genre on your auditory adventure. In a second, the musical anarchy melts away into sultry riffs where each halting note is caressed, stroked and plucked with all the passion of a tormented lover. The Mars Volta have created a morbid, twisted, haunting and inspiring album that offers a phantasmagoria of realities and nightmares. It transports you to that place in your subconscious

in between sleep and life.

Along with the Latin influence comes a vast array of otherworldly sound distortions including pulsing waves, whale calls, helicopters, water dripping and ambulance sirens. These everyday sounds morph into something very different — the voice crying in the night, haunting you in your dreams.

The band has effectively created an elaborate dream world where things are not as they appear and suddenly transform into something different right in front of your eyes. The album fittingly seems like the soundtrack of your life and the background music of your feverish dreams.

For an hour you will lose yourself in the music and forget everything else while being transported to an extraterrestrial planet. Zavala's voice, ethereal and haunting, leads you to the surface of this mystery that they have so passionately created.

It is unlikely that you will hear any songs from this album on the radio. All traditional lines are blurred with one and a half minute instrumental introductions and 12 minute songs that melt into each other without a clear break making it unclear where one song ends and another begins.

This album must be heard. It calls out to listeners. It demands to be heard. It cannot be easily dismissed or forgotten, but sticks with you throughout the day, haunting you with its melodies.

Listening to the album was described by *Fader* magazine as, "akin to swimming in a lake at night, alternately terrifying and spiritual and primordially sexual."

I don't care what kind of music you think you like or don't like.

De-Loused in the Comatorium could possibly be the most important album to be released in our time.

Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Melissa Dunson at 625-9311.



Once Upon A Time in Mexico

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Matchstick Men, Cabin Fever and Once Upon A Time In Mexico open at the Northstar 14 Theaters.

Balsero Dreams: Riff Blues on Immigration in Webster Hall @ 9 a.m.

Macon @ The Green Room @ 10 p.m.

Kitchen Pass' 5th annual music festival featuring 32nd St Band @ 6 p.m. and Jenkins Dirt @ 11 p.m.

"The Art of Motivating People to Move" Fitness Walking Seminar @ Leggett & Platt Athletic Center activities begin @ 8 a.m.

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All-campus Tailgate in the Stadium parking lot @ 4 p.m.

MSSU Home Football Game

FREE Folk Music Concert @ Trail of Tears State Park in Jackson, Mo.

Second Annual "Fallen Heroes 9/11" Benefit Concert @ The Eagle's Lodge in Springfield @ 3 p.m.

Music Under the Stars @ T.B Ferguson House in Watonga, Okla.

Metal @ Club Cesspool featuring 5 bands @ 5 p.m.

Karltons @ The Green Room @ 10 p.m.

70 Mile Hip-hop Showcase of Talent @ The Bridge @ 6:30 p.m.

New Orleans Night with Papa Mali and the Instigators @ The Legacy Live Music Venue @ 9 p.m.

Pinewood Derby @ King Jack's @ 9:30 p.m.

Jenkins Dirt @ Eagle's Lodge in Springfield @ 3 p.m.

Joplin Humane Society Pet Pics @ Joplin Memorial Hall @ 9 a.m.

George Washington Carver Peanut and Sweet Potato Cooking Contest @ the Diamond City Fire Department @ 2 p.m.

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Karaoke @ Murphy's Irish Pub from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Natural High Week

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BSU Joy Explosion @ 7 p.m.

Monday Night Football @ J-Town

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Karaoke and All U Can Eat Tacos @ J-Town @ 8 p.m.

Karaoke @ The Green Room @ 10 p.m.

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Real Rock 101.7 @ The Green Room @ 10 p.m.

BSU Lunch-n-Counter @ Noon.

CAB meeting second floor of Billingsly @ 2 p.m.

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Club Karaoke Night in BSC Lounge @ 7 p.m.

Champ's Bar and Grill Krazy Karaoke @ 9 p.m.

Useless Information

NOTE: Information for this section taken from http://members.tripod.com/~Mitchell_J/

All opinions in parenthesis are the opinions of Melissa Dunson, Diversions Editor. They don't reflect the opinions of *The Chart* staff.

Canadians eat more Kraft Dinner (Macaroni and Cheese) per capita than any other country in the world.

Goat meat contains up to 45 percent less saturated fat than chicken meat.

The rarest coffee in the world is Kopi Luwak, which is found in Indonesia. It cost about \$300 a pound.



By Andy Tevis/The Chart

Fire Chief Richard Picciotto, the highest ranking firefighter to survive the 9/11 terrorist attacks, speaks to crowd at Leggett & Platt Sept. 10.

Organization announces events for spring

By MELISSA MORGAN
Diversions Editor

The Campus Activities Board's Sept. 10 meeting focused primarily on Fire Chief Richard Picciotto's presentation at 7 p.m. that night.

Julie Blackford, director of student activities, said she expected a good crowd because some instructors are offering extra credit for attending and all of the EMT, firefighter and police force classes have been canceled for the event.

"I really think we are going to have a good turnout tonight," Blackford said. "It could be 200, it could be 1,200. I hope it's closer to 1,200."

It was announced that the Missouri state fire marshall would introduce Picciotto before the presentation.

During the meeting, volunteers were assigned

CAB
Campus Activities Board

jobs ranging from helping with the book table after the presentation to introducing the state fire marshall.

The memorial 9/11 service at 7:30 a.m. at the freedom flag was discussed.

After the immediate business was decided, discussion turned to the "Fall Frenzy" scheduled for Wednesday. Five-hundred CAB mugs will be given away at the event. In conjunction with the new food service, Sodexho, the mugs may be

refilled with any beverage in the Lion's Den for 25 cents. These mugs are only free to students. Anyone interested may purchase a mug in the Lion's Den for \$2.85.

Karaoke night is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Billingsly Student Center. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the evening for the best group and individual performers.

The Gang Green all-campus tailgate party begins at 4:30 p.m. and will provide free food to all Missouri Southern students who show their student IDs. Faculty members are also welcome but will be charged a small fee.

The event is put on by CAB, but will emphasize Gang Green and try to recruit members. Sixteen people were present at the meeting that lasted 20 minutes.

The next CAB meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Spiva Art Center says goodbye Picasso

The George A. Spiva Center for the Arts is hosting high tea, Sept. 14, to bid farewell to its current exhibit Picasso: 25 Years of Edition Ceramics from the Edward & Ann Weston Collection.

The afternoon tea is hosted by the Village Pastry shop and will feature a performance by harpist Gloria Jardon. Laura Van Buren will present "Gallery Talk" from 1:45 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Persons interested may contact the George A. Spiva Center for the Arts by calling 623-0813.

Joplin Fire Chief West retires after 25 years

After serving the city of Joplin for more than 25 years, Fire Chief Bill West is retiring. The city announced West's retirement Sept. 5. West joined the fire department in 1977 as a firefighter, and held numerous positions before becoming Fire Chief. Under West's tenure, the Missouri Department of Health licensed the Joplin Fire Department as an Emergency Medical Response Agency.

Area companies raise money for United Way

The United Way of Southwest Missouri kicked off its campaign on Sept. 3 at the Leggett and Platt Athletic Center at Missouri Southern.

Pacesetter companies for the campaign include Able Manufacturing, Commerce Bank, General Mills and other area firms. These firms raised \$295,528 for the campaign, exceeding their goal of \$225,000.

Persons may contact Fred Osborne at 626-4037.

Council approves zoning change



Patti Richardson/The Chart

If approved, the shopping center will be off Fourth Street.

By JONATHAN BEVILLE

City Editor

Another new shopping center may be coming to the Range Line corridor.

At a meeting Sept. 3, Joplin City Council gave preliminary approval for plans to develop a section of Fourth Street into a new \$20 million shopping center.

The new facility will house 12 to 13 retail stores and a major anchor.

Councilman Gary Shaw said the developer of the site, Stephen Vogel of Galena, Kan., has acquired 11 properties along Fourth Street for the center.

The new shopping center will be located on Fourth Street near Canterbury Lane and in the area of Northpark Mall.

Ervin Wilson, resident of Joplin, owns a home on Canterbury Lane near the proposed development and is opposed to its construction.

"Since that will be commercial property, the county will categorize us in the commercial tax rate, so this will raise our taxes," Wilson said.

"That neighborhood has been a very nice neigh-

borhood for a number of years," Shaw said.

"With the mall moving in to the southwest, over the years it has become apparent that the area will become commercial."

Councilwoman Rebecca Kanan is one of three council members who voted against the proposal, which was approved by a vote of 6-3.

"I was really siding with the residents who believe they have a viable neighborhood there to preserve," Kanan said.

Shaw said he has previously voted no to similar measures out of sympathy for the residents.

Dwayne Patton, general manager of Northpark Mall, said the proposed center would not be competition for the mall.

"No one else has a Chuck E. Cheese's or a Hollister, and they're not going to," Patton said. "There is only going to be one Gap in Joplin."

Shaw said Vogel has not released the name of the anchor store.

Kanan said the change in zoning will only be official after a third reading and approval.

The matter will be put to a vote at the next council meeting Monday.

R-8 schools improve against statewide averages

By JONATHAN BEVILLE

City Editor

Education came under attack Sept. 2, as the results of the Missouri Assessment Program tests were released by the state.

The Joplin school district is one of 317 school districts statewide that failed to meet set standards for annual yearly progress.

"The MAP scores are one of the primary indicators used in school district accreditation," said Walt Brown, director of assessment for the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Brown said the MAP was created in response to the federal No Child Left Behind Act. The act sets national achievement standards for schools in math, communication arts, social studies and science. The aim of the act is to

have all students testing at proficient or advanced levels by 2014.

"We have defined school success in terms of standardized tests," said Dr. Michael J. Horvath, dean of the school of education. "We may not be able to get there. We seem to have this Lake Wobegone notion, where all the children are above average. Statistically, that may be impossible."

"The No Child Left Behind Act is an ideal goal, and every educator should stand up and say this is something we are striving toward," said Dr. Steven Doerr, assistant superintendent for educational operations for the Joplin R-8 school district.

The MAP tests use a five-step scale to monitor school performance. The highest ratings in this scale are proficient and advanced.

Under program guidelines, a school will fail to make adequate yearly progress if even one of numerous sub-

groups do not achieve state set percentages for students performing at proficient or advanced levels.

Four subgroups in the Joplin school district failed to meet those levels. The four groups are African American students, Hispanic students, free and reduced lunch students and Individual Education Plan or special education students.

Across the board, MAP scores for the Joplin school district have improved consistently since the program began in 1999. This year's scores showed Joplin students placing higher than state average in eight of 12 categories.

Brown said there has always been a performance gap between white students and black students. That separation has generated a tremendous amount of discussion, Brown said, as has the performance gap between free and reduced lunch students and the remainder of the student population.

"Any group, black, white or Hispanic, that is in a lower socio-economic status, they don't have the same opportunities for cognitive learning at an early age," Doerr said. "Middle class families and above traditionally have exposed their children to cognitive activities at an early age that allow them to be ahead when they start school. We have to play catch-up with these students."

	Joplin	State
Math	23.7%	21.16%
Comm. Arts	30.3%	29.4%
Social Studies	41.2%	33.56%
Science	23.4%	23.03%

Figures for Joplin R-8 school district are an average of scores from elementary, middle and high schools. These figures are compared with averages state wide.

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Team loses two matches at tourney

By PHILIP MARTIN
Sports Editor

The women's tennis team defeated tough competition within the MIAA Sept. 6 at the MIAA Fall Tournament.

The Lions gained three new freshmen for the fall season, Erin Fritz, Kristen Meschede and Barbara Gombosi, along with three returning starters. Head tennis coach Jane Posch said the new freshmen will be able to add depth to the program.

"Our new kids are Erin Fritz and Kristen Meschede, they're both two hard hitting freshmen," Posch said. "They're really going to help us out in our depth, because last year we didn't have any depth."

She said during the spring season the team "never won anything at five and six singles and never won at three doubles." Although there was a poor showing in the team's depth, the Lions did place third in the conference. At the tournament, the women only lost two matches, Sheryl Posch and Meschede lost to the No. 1 doubles team of Northwest Missouri State University, 2-8. Fritz and Kim McMunn lost to the No. 3 doubles of Washburn, 5-8.

Meschede said the team "jelled" at the invitational. The doubles were being switched around during the tournament to keep the opposition on its feet.

"We switched up a lot of our players just to experiment, and see how certain people play," Fritz said. "We have four freshmen on the team, that's really well (the wins at the tournament) for freshmen coming in and playing that well."

Jane Posch said Sheryl Posch will be taking the number one position and freshman Gombosi from Slovenia will be a contender for one of the top spots.

In other standings at the invitational, the Lions swept Missouri Western State College, the team also swept Emporia State University and Truman State University. Looking forward to the rest of the season, the Lions are optimistic.

"I think we have a great chance of doing well in conference," Fritz said.

The Lions play next at Drury University.

Caffey leads pack across finish

By TARA WALKER
Staff Writer

Ashley Caffey victoriously led a pack of Lions across the finish line, Sept. 5, in the Fayetteville Invitational at the University of Arkansas.

Caffey junior women's cross country runner, finished 12th with a time of 18:48.95, and the Lions took third in the meet with 72 points. Arkansas took first with 15 points, and Tulsa took second with 53 points.

The other top runners for Missouri Southern were Megan Russell, with a time of 18:49.94, trailing right behind Caffey, and Jen Noelken, with a time of 19:02.53.

The Lion's next meets are the Southern Stampede starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 (the

only home meet of the season) and the Miner Invitational, Oct. 4 in Rolla. The team has a total of five meets this season including the MIAA Championships, which if the Lions perform well the team or specific runners could advance to the South Central Regional and the NCAA Division II Championships.

The team has two All-MIAA performers returning this year, Caffey and senior Noelken. Caffey finished first for the Lions last season, except in the MIAA Championships.

Caffey took 10th, being outrun by Noelken, who took fourth.

With the team possessing seven returning starters along with four freshmen, head coach Patty Vavra said, "we have more returning starters than we have ever had."

"Our main goal is to look back at last year and

see what we can improve upon this year," Vavra said.

"We have a team this year that the members themselves are as closely matched as any group we have ever had."

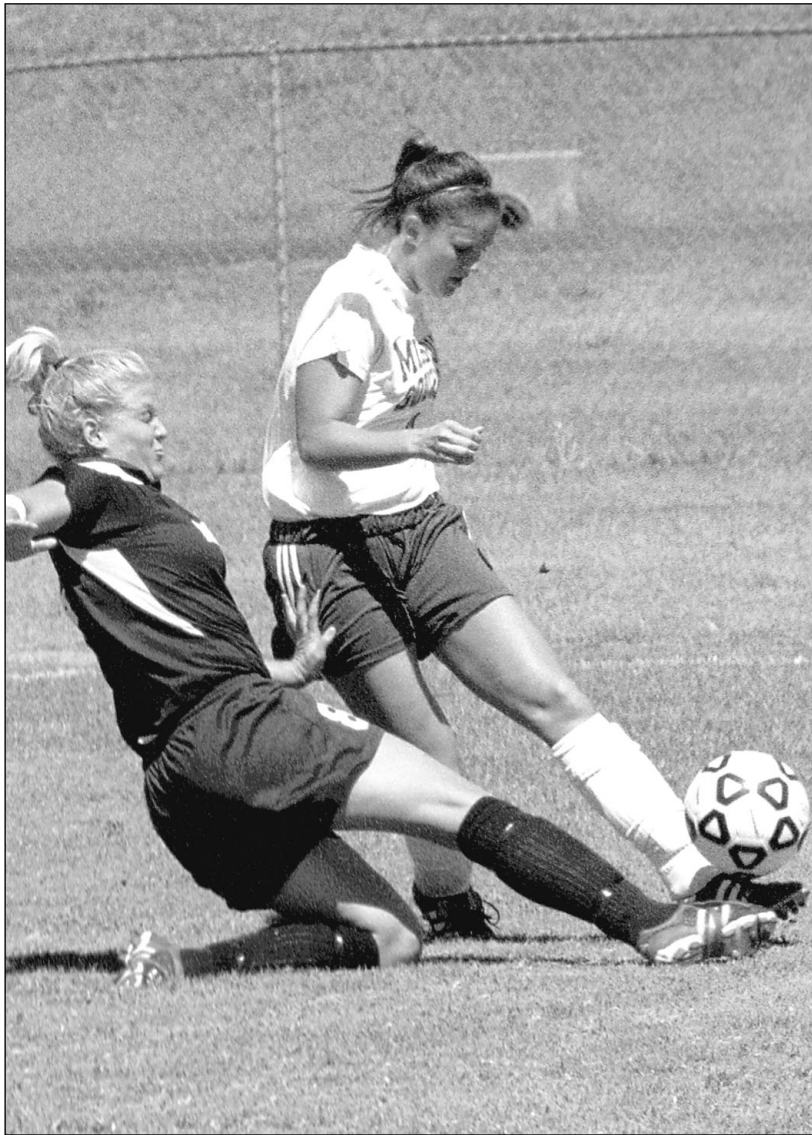
Having finished third in the MIAA last year, Vavra said, "other goals are to finish at least that high again this year and to decrease our pack time."

"I feel we will do great as long as everyone stays healthy and hangs in there," Caffey said.

Aside from team improvements, Vavra expects the runners as individuals to improve their running times over the course of the season.

However, she stressed that cross country is not about self-glory.

"It is one of the purest team events an athlete can participate in," Vavra said.



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Jessica Buhman, freshman midfield/defender, passes the ball over a Washburn defender, preventing her from winning the ball.

Lions present the blues to Washburn Lady Blues

By T.J. GERLACH
Public Forum Editor

The women's soccer team sent the Washburn Lady Blues home with the blues after a 3-1 victory on, Sept. 6 at Hal Boden Field.

"We've had some really good practices," said head coach Trevor Wachsman. "We tried to carry over what we've done in practice and execute it in the game."

In the fourth minute of the game, senior midfielder Elisa Bryant scored off a rebound from a cross by junior forward Tera Reinsnor.

Twenty-five minutes later senior midfielder Amber Phipps scored off a cross from junior midfielder/forward Kaysie Griffin. Bryant gave the second assist.

"Everybody worked really well together and played the ball off to each other," Reinsnor said. "We were a little off first-touch wise."

The Lions led 2-0 at the half.

Six minutes into the second half, Southern scored its third goal of the game. Samantha Lee, freshman forward, scored the goal on a breakaway after Griffin played her the ball off a quick restart.

Washburn's Meagan Horvath scored an unassisted goal off a free kick from 40 yards out in the 58 minute.

"Overall, I think we played well," said Jessie Noid, senior defender. "We were inconsistent, though. We were on and off."

"We played real well at times," Wachsman said. "We had good finishing and were able to possess the ball. I'm real happy with how we knocked things around."

The Lions goalkeeper, senior Kim Boessen, made four saves.

Southern won three corners to the Lady Blues' five and both teams had eight fouls called against them.

The Lions were called offside 10 times during the game.

"They played the offside trap," Wachsman said. "And we got caught in it."

He said the refs called the game fairly and could not be blamed for the number of offside calls.

Wachsman thinks the team needs to work on being "consistent for the 90 minutes."

"It's good to get a win under our belt," Noid said.

The Lions will look for another win in their next game against Nebraska-Omaha at 7 p.m. Friday at home.

Lions defeat Lions; team fixes 'mental' mistakes from Florida

By T.J. GERLACH
Public Forum Editor

Florida laid the stage for two losses for Missouri Southern's men's soccer team.

The Lions traveled to the sunshine state for a pair of games, but weather delayed, the Sept. 5 game.

Southern played the University of Tampa Sept. 6. The Lions fell, 4-0, to the Spartans.

Tampa scored its first goal in the 12th minute of the game. The three other goals also came in the first half as Southern managed to keep the second half score equal.

"We made the corrections at halftime," said head coach Kiley Cirillo. "Unfortunately, we couldn't come away with a goal."

Cirillo said Tampa is ranked 18th in the nation. Southern only had three shots in the game to Tampa's 27 shots, 16 of those were on goal.

The Spartans had 15 fouls called against them and Southern received 13 fouls. Two players on each side received yellow cards, but no one was ejected from the game.

"We learned," Cirillo said.

On, Sept. 7, Southern played against the Saint Leo University Lions in St. Leo, Fla.

Southern's Lance Juett, senior forward, scored the only goal of the first half in the 20th minute of

the game, but the Lions came back in the second half and scored six unanswered goals.

"We were dominating them," Cirillo said. "[But] we couldn't come back from those first two goals."

Southern took 12 shots in the game, seven of which were on goal. St. Leo took 24 shots with 11 on goal.

St. Leo was called for 25 fouls and Southern had 14 called against them.

Two St. Leo Lions received yellow cards and one Southern Lion received a yellow.

"We had moments we played all right," said Adam Skiermont, junior forward. "[At times] we looked like we could play with anyone in the country. We just couldn't put the ball in the net."

"Our mental effort wasn't there," said Jared Smith, senior defender.

Cirillo said the team will change formations from a 4-3-3 to a 4-4-2.

"We're going to change some things around," he said. "[We're going to work on] organization in the back field and going forward in the final third."

"We need to score more goals basically," Smith said.

Southern's next game is against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Friday in Edwardsville. The Lions next home game is at 1 p.m. Sunday at home against Quincy.

Men's team races toward stampede

By PHILIP MARTIN
Sports Editor

Coming off a three-peat MIAA championship the men's cross country team looks forward to a four-peat.

First the Lions had to contend with tough competition from their first meet of the season. The team traveled to the University of Arkansas where it placed third, behind UA and the University of Tulsa. Missouri Southern was the only Division II School to run at the meet. Tom Rutledge, head men's cross country coach, said the Lions did not run a full team.

"We did not run Thomas Quaid, who just got back on campus from Ireland," Rutledge said. "He just finished track season over there."

Rutledge said the team did not run as strong as it could.

The Lions came off winning MIAA championships, placing second in the Division II South

Central Regionals and placing seventh in the nation.

Magnus Holmstrom was named MIAA Athlete of the Week, finished fifth in the meet with a time of 20:31.61, giving his team five points toward its total of 63. Arkansas received 21 total points and UT received 49 points.

The next Southern runner across the finish line was Craig Rhoads, with a time of 21:10.83, followed closely by Paul Koehler, 21:29.45. Rutledge said they had runners in "the hunt, in the top 15 to 20 places." After those runners, the rest fell behind and didn't step up.

The next meet for the Lions is Sept. 20 at home.

"The Southern Stampede is the largest cross country meet in the Midwest," Rutledge said. "It will be a war."

There are 24 high schools signed up for the meet. These high schools have both men's and women's teams competing.

Southern also has 25 colleges signed up for the meet.

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Volleyball

Sept. 9 Results				
MSSU	30	30	30	
ATU	25	21	24	

Cross Country

Sept. 6 Results		
Women's	points	
1. University of Arkansas	15	
2. University of Tulsa	53	
3. MSSU	72	
Men's	points	
1. University of Arkansas	21	
2. University of Tulsa	49	
3. MSSU	63	

Golf

Sept. 8 Results		
Player	Score	
Travis Stockholm	147	
Andrew Watts	148	
Kellen Bollinger	148	
Danny Sinksen	149	
Geir Askvik	150	
Nick Marks	164	

Men's Soccer

Sept. 7 Results		
MSSU	1	0 — 1
SLU	0	6 — 6

MSSU Scoring: Juett (Skiermont)
SLU Scoring: Pervan (Rosso), Fierro (unassisted), Stanze (Conte), Rosso (penalty kick), conte (Semeraro), Pervan (Pollock)

Tennis

Sept. 6 Results		
MSSU 3	MWSU 0	
Doubles		
Posch and Lacey McMunn def. Bushborn and Beeson, 8-4		
Meschede and Gombosi def. Pankienite and Clutter, 8-1		
Kim McMunn and Stredney def. Clark and Marzello, MWSU, 8-1		
MSSU 2	NWMSU 1	
Posch and Meschede lost to Tapia and Lindsey, 2-8		
Lacey McMunn and Gombosi def. Lipura and Clark, 9-7		
Stredney and Fritz def. Pendrak and Hardy, 8-5		
MSSU 3	ESU 0	
Posch and Lacey McMunn def. Schultz and Luina, 8-1		
Gombosi and McMunn def. Booth and Oakleaf, 8-2		
Fritz and Stredney def. Musgrove and Wells, 8-5		
MSSU 2	WU 1	
Posch and Lacey McMunn def. Underwood and Huyberchts, 8-3		
Meschede and Gombosi def. Sullivan and Day, retired default		
Fritz and Kim McMunn lost to Munro and Castillo, 5-8		
MSSU 3	TSU 0	
Posch and Lacey McMunn def. Dudack and Dinsck, 8-4		
Meschede and Kim McMunn def. Sauders and Grajo, 8-5		
Stredney and Fritz def. Bailey and Wittmer, 8-6		

Southern Schedule

Sept. 12	
Volleyball	@ Central Arkansas Tournament
Men's Soccer @ SIU-Edwardsville	
Women's Soccer	home against Nebraska-Omaha @ 7 p.m.
Sept. 13	
Tennis	@Drury University
Football	home against Northeastern State University @ 6 p.m.
Volleyball	@ Central Arkansas Tournament
Sept. 14	
Men's Soccer	home against Quincy (Ill.) @ 1 p.m.
Sept. 15	
Men's Golf	@Truman Classic
Sept. 16	
Men's Golf	@ Truman Classic
Women's Soccer	home against Missouri-Rolla @ 7 p.m.
Volleyball	home against Southwest Baptist University @ 7 p.m.
Sept. 18	
Volleyball	@ Pittsburg State

For all your Southern sports, scores and highlights, read *The Chart*.

SPORTS SCENE



Senior Libero Jessica Brown returns a serve from Arkansas Tech University in the Sept. 6 game.

Lions spike Reddies

Southern sweeps into 3-0 record, readies for tourney

By JEREMIAH COOK
Staff Writer

The Missouri Southern Lions volleyball team raced out to a fast start in match one of its game against Henderson State Sept. 6.

"We won the first game pretty handily," said Debbie Traywick, head volleyball coach.

Game two was a different story. Southern watched as the Lady Reddies went ahead by as much as 10, before coming back to make it a two-point game before the end of the match. After a brief time out, play resumed and HSU claimed victory, 30-26.

"Henderson came out and played really well in game two, and we let down a little and so they came back on us," Traywick said.

In games three and four, Southern was on a mission.

The Lions had just lost by four points to a team that beat them by 10 in the first match. The team proceeded to defeat HSU, 30-16 and 30-17, in games three and four, respectively.

"We came back mentally in games three and four and played much more consistently. I think that's why we won the match," Traywick said.

At one point in game three, the ball looked like it was completely beyond the reach of the Southern defenders. The team kept its cool and managed to not only get the ball back into play, but to eventually force a point from the Lady Reddies.

"When you get a really good kill off of a hit or you make a great defensive play, it really gives your team a mental edge to go to the next play," Traywick said.

"We had two or three in a couple of the games where we really went after the ball with brilliant effort."

On Sept. 9, the Lions put their 3-0 record on the line against Arkansas Tech.

Southern won the first match by five and didn't look back. The Lions swept the Golden Suns in three straight sets.

"We controlled the match, and I think we controlled it with our offense," Traywick said.

"We played very aggressively, and we forced some errors on their part."

Southern plays again Sept. 12 and 13 at the Central Arkansas Tournament in Conway.

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